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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 16, 2002**. Scattered showers across the state have helped some farmers, while leaving many with continuing dry soils. Soil moisture was rated 9 percent very short, 36 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	55	32	52	46	1	6	20	57	16
	Dough	8	--	17	15					
Cotton	Planted	100	99	100	100	0	5	22	56	17
	Emerged	100	97	100	98					
	Squaring	32	18	55	47					
Rice	Emerged	100	99	100	100	0	2	18	55	25
Sorghum	Planted	100	99	100	100	0	2	19	63	16
	Emerged	99	97	100	98					
Soybeans	Planted	97	95	100	94	1	4	22	55	18
	Emerged	93	90	99	88					
	Blooming	19	12	38	22					
Wheat	Mature	99	94	98	91	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	80	56	56	68					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	99	96	99	98	8	5	36	35	16
(Warm Season)		28	25	32	30					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	60	35	38	54	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons						8	12	35	36	9
Cattle						6	6	26	53	9
Pasture						4	11	37	42	6
Blueberries						0	5	39	47	9

County Agent Comments

“We are starting to get a little dry. The pastures and hay fields could use a rain. Corn is starting to tassel and could also use a rain.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada County

“The dry weather continues. We missed rains at least twice this past week. Our area is approximately 11 inches behind on rainfall for the year. Some southwest corn borer was detected in corn last week. Grasshoppers were treated in some soybean fields. Cool weather and low humidity are helping dairymen increase milk production.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“Pasture conditions are beginning to improve in portions of the county that have received sporadic rain showers. Corn for silage fields that have suffered the most from dry weather conditions has failed to make any appreciable ear and therefore many producers will not attempt to harvest. Some are considering planting tropical corn in an attempt to make some decent silage. Producers are beginning to keep close watch of pastures for army worm pressure.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

“It is very dry over most of the county. A few scattered showers brought little relief to isolated areas. Pastures are short and hay fields growing slow.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones County

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Weather Summary from June 10, 2002 to June 16, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	92	62	78	79	-1	0.50	-0.69	3	2.55	84	67	77	0.23
Cleveland	94	61	79	78	+1	0.77	-0.39	3	2.19				
Tunica	92	64	80	78	+2	1.67	+0.41	2	3.24	92	74	83	0.21
Extreme/Average	94	61	79	79	0	0.98	+0.01	3	2.66	92	67	80	0.20
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	92	51	75	75	0	2.02	+0.90	4	4.21	91	73	82	0.24
Memphis	92	61	78	79	-1	1.21	+0.23	4	3.18				
Oxford	93	56	77	76	+1	0.46	-0.62	2	2.36				
Extreme/Average	93	51	77	76	+1	1.23	+0.35	3	3.25	91	73	82	0.24
3. Northeast													
Booneville	92	57	76	75	+1	1.82	+0.79	4	4.02				
Corinth	91	56	76	77	-1	2.02	+1.07	2	3.55				
Iuka	93	50	72	73	-1	0.83	-0.07	2	1.79				
Pontotoc	90	59	77	77	0	1.15	-0.04	3	2.76	85	75	80	0.22
Tupelo	92	59	76	77	-1	1.29	+0.14	3	1.81				
Verona	95	60	79	77	+2	0.86	-0.24	3	2.56	93	67	83	0.25
Extreme/Average	95	50	76	76	0	1.33	+0.49	3	2.75	93	67	81	0.24
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				79		0.00	-0.87	0	1.14				
Rolling Fork	96	60	80	79	+1	0.02	-0.97	1	0.55	102	84	94	0.22
Stoneville	96	61	79	80	-1	0.61	-0.31	2	0.85	96	77	86	0.25
Yazoo City	93	59	79	79	0	0.84	-0.08	2	2.66				
Extreme/Average	96	59	79	79	0	0.37	-0.54	1	1.30	102	77	90	0.22
5. Central													
Carthage	93	55	76	77	-1	1.26	+0.49	2	2.27				
Greenwood	93	58	77	79	-2	0.46	-0.59	3	2.09				
Jackson	95	57	78	78	0	0.53	-0.31	2	3.24				
Winona	91	53	75	74	+1	1.15	+0.17	2	1.89				
Extreme/Average	95	53	76	77	-1	0.85	+0.06	2	2.37				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	95	68	82			1.04	+0.06	2	2.51	87	75	81	
Columbus	96	57	79	78	+1	0.09	-1.03	1	1.27				
State University	94	57	78	77	+1	0.11	-0.80	2	0.44	91	79	84	0.24
Extreme/Average	96	57	79	77	+2	0.41	-0.43	2	1.41	91	75	83	0.24
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	94	61	79	79	0	0.47	-0.84	2	2.45	84	75	79	
Natchez	90	59	78	79	-1	0.56	-0.56	2	3.33				
Oakley	96	59	80	78	+2	0.59	-0.53	1	3.05				
Vicksburg	92	62	79			0.35		1	1.51				
Extreme/Average	96	59	79	78	+1	0.49	-0.49	2	2.59	84	75	79	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	93	61	79	79	0	0.20	-0.92	1	4.27				
McComb	92	60	78	79	-1	0.12	-1.00	2	6.56				
Extreme/Average	93	60	78	79	-1	0.16	-0.78	2	4.27				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	95	59	79			0.38		2	6.34				
Hattiesburg	93	59	79	79	0	0.79	-0.19	2	6.60				
Laurel	94	59	78	78	0	0.00	-0.85	0	4.06				
Meridian	96	55	78	78	0	0.16	-0.70	3	0.98				
Newton	95	52	77	77	0	0.29	-0.56	3	2.10	89	73	80	0.25
Extreme/Average	96	52	78	78	0	0.32	-0.52	2	4.02	89	73	80	0.25
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	95	60	79	79	0	0.25	-0.75	1	2.44				
Biloxi AFB	91	70	82			0.01		1	2.74				
Gulfport	91	67	80	80	0	0.04	-1.08	1	4.99				
Pascagoula	95	63	79			1.45		2	5.14				
Poplarville	97	66	82	79	+3	0.52	-0.48	2	5.19	97	71	84	0.26
Extreme/Average	97	60	80	80	0	0.45	-0.60	1	4.10	97	71	84	0.26
State	97	50	78	78	0	0.63	-0.26	2	2.85	102	67	82	0.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.